

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A connecting device for connecting an accessory device to a portable communications device, said connecting device having an interface connector for electrical connection to a mating connector arranged on the portable communications device, characterized in that the connecting device is further equipped with means for holding the accessory device in a position at a side of the portable communications device.

2. A connecting device according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a soft material.

3. A connecting device according to claim 2, characterized in that the soft material is an electrotexile having conductive fibers woven together with traditional non-conducting fibers, said conductive fibers providing electrical connection between the accessory device and the interface connector.

4. A connecting device according to claim 3, characterized in that it has at least one pressure sensitive area in which two conductors provided by said conductive fibers are adapted to connect to each other when subjected to pressure, thus creating an input signal detectable by the accessory device.

5. A connecting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the accessory device is a device for playback of audio signals.

6. A connecting device according to claim 5, characterized in that it is further provided with means for holding at least one portable storage medium adapted to store audio files for the audio playback device.

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7. A connecting device according to claim 4, characterized in that it is provided with several pressure sensitive areas, each area constituting a key of a keyboard.

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8. A connecting device according to claim 7, characterized in that the accessory device comprises electronic control circuitry for said keyboard.

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9. A connecting device according to claim 7, characterized in that said keyboard is foldable.

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10. A connecting device according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a flexible section enabling the accessory device to be positioned in at least two different positions in relation to the portable communications device.

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11. A connecting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the portable communications device is a mobile telephone.

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12. An accessory device connectable to a portable communications device, said accessory device having an interface connector for electrical connection to a mating connector arranged on the portable communications device,

characterized in that the accessory device comprises an electrotextile having conductive fibers woven together with traditional non-conducting fibers, said conductive fibers providing electrical connection to the interface connector, and that the electrotextile is further equipped with means for holding the accessory device in a position at a side of the portable communications device.

13. An accessory device according to claim 12, characterized in that the electrotextile has at least one pressure sensitive area in which two conductors provided by said conductive fibers are adapted to connect to each other when subjected to pressure, thus creating an input signal detectable by the accessory device.

14. An accessory device according to claim 12, characterized in that the accessory device is a device for playback of audio signals.

15. An accessory device according to claim 14, characterized in that it is further provided with means for holding at least one portable storage medium adapted to store audio files for the audio playback device.

16. An accessory device according to claim 13, characterized in that it is provided with several pressure sensitive areas, each area constituting a key of a keyboard.

17. An accessory device according to claim 16, characterized in that said keyboard is foldable.

18. An accessory device according to claim 12,
characterized in that it comprises a flexible section enabling
the accessory device to be positioned in at least two
different positions in relation to the portable communications
device.

19. An accessory device according to claim 12,
characterized in that the portable communications device is a
mobile telephone.

20. Use of an electrotextile having conductive fibers
woven together with traditional non-conducting fibers for
connecting an accessory device to a portable communications
device, wherein the electrotextile is provided with:

an interface connector for electrical connection to a
mating connector arranged on the portable communications
device; and

means for holding the accessory device in a position at a
side of the portable communications device.